

Borough of Rocky Hill

Council Minutes

February 20, 2007

A regular meeting of the Rocky Hill Borough Council was called to order by Mayor Ed Zimmerman at 7:30 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country and a moment of silent meditation in memory of George Morren Sr., father of former Mayor George Morren Jr., and Marjorie Weiler, sister of Nancy Nicholson. The Mayor also mentioned that Tim Corlis is quite ill. It was announced that this meeting has been advertised in the Somerset Spectator issue of December 16, 2006 in accordance with “The Open Public Meetings Act”.

Roll Call:

Present

- Mr. James Banks
- Mr. Brian Griner
- Mr. Daniel Harrington
- Ms. Courtney White
- Mr. Jared Witt

Absent

- Mr. William Hallman

Minutes

The minutes of the February 5, 2007 regular meeting of Borough Council were approved as presented with a motion by Ms. White, second by Mr. Harrington. On a roll call vote all present voted aye.

The minutes of the of February 5, 2007 Executive Session were approved as presented with a motion by Mr. Harrington, second by Ms. White. On a roll call vote all present voted aye

Transfer Resolution

Transfer Resolution # 2007-25 was approved with a motion by Mr. Banks, second by Mr. Harrington. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. See appendix #1 for the Resolution.

Departmental Reports

Mr. Witt moved, second by Mr. Banks to accept the reports of the Tax Collector and Court Administrator. On a roll call vote all present voted aye.

Bill List

Mr. Griner presented the following RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS THE TREASURER HAS CERTIFIED THAT SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO PAY SAID VOUCHERS: BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING VOUCHERS BE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT. Second by Mr. Banks. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. See appendix #2 for the Bill List.

Committee reports

Administration & Records: Mr. Witt stated there is nothing to report this month.

Buildings & Grounds: Mr. Harrington said there was nothing new to report this month

Finance & Insurance: Mr. Griner stated the Council Members have submitted their budget requests and a budget workshop will be scheduled soon.

Public Safety/ Emergency Services: Mayor Zimmerman reported, in Mr. Hallman’s absence, Mr. Hallman, Mr. Griner, and himself attended the Fire Dept. Budget Meting. He stated the State Police are not reducing coverage in Rocky Hill and while the Tac Force have left; The Kingwood Station will be taking over the coverage. Mayor Zimmerman said he attended a meeting with The State Attorney General concerning Rural Policing. Mayor Zimmerman was appointed to a special committee of the League of Municipalities to address this problem. It was said South Bound Brook Police will provide police service until May 7, 2007 and than month to month until an agreement is made to continue or discontinue the service. Mayor Zimmerman stated he is discussing police service with other municipalities and former Mayor Morren will assist in the discussions.

Streets & Roads: Ms. White reported a new sign has been installed in front of 62 Hickory Ct. and the street sign at Rt518 and Crescent has been repaired. There is still a sign leaning in front of 58 Princeton Avenue and Ms. White will call the county again to make the repair. Ms. White called the County to salt Merritt Lane and Lemore Circle a second time. Mr. Donald Snedeker, a member of the Fire Dept., asked if the pine trees along Young Drive could be trimmed for easer access of emergency vehicles. Ms. White stated she has added some more sidewalks to the list to be repaired.

Water, Sewer, & Environmental Protection: Mr. Banks said he will be meeting with Mr. Merk to become familiar with the water dept. operations. The water tests were all O.K.

Council Rep. to Planning Board: February meeting was cancelled.

Council Rep. to Board of Education: Ms. Maggie Hintz is the new member of the board.

Council Rep. to Board of Health; No Meeting.

Zoning Official: No report

Special Business

Mr. Witt moved, second by Mr. Harrington to approve Mayoral Committee Changes/Appointments as presented.

On a roll call vote all present voted aye. See appendix #3 for the list.

Resolution # 2007-26 was approved with a motion by Mr. Griner, second by Mr. Harrington. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. See appendix #4 for the resolution.

Resolution #2007-28 was approved with a motion by Mr. Griner, second by Mr. Banks. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. See appendix #5 for the resolution

Borough Council discussed the option of installing a sidewalk from Princeton and Crescent Aves. To the Princeton Avenue entrance to Van Horn Park; Pulte Homes agreed to install the sidewalk if Borough Council approves. It was mentioned that some citizens told the planning board several trees would have to be removed to install the sidewalk. Mr. Baumgartner, of Pulte Homes said a concrete side walk, if installed correctly, should last at least 20 years. After more discussion Mr. Cruz, Borough Attorney, will draft a letter for Mayor Zimmerman to send to effected homeowners to get their reaction.

Resolution # 2007-28 was approved with a motion by Mr. Witt, second by Mr. Griner. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. See appendix #6 for the resolution.

Resolution #2007-29 was approved with a motion by Mr. Griner, second by Mr. Witt. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. See appendix #7 for the resolution.

Mayor Zimmerman Proclaimed March 9, 2007 as a day of recognition for Peggy Harris for being chosen as one the Outstanding Women in Somerset County for 2007. See appendix #8 for the PROCLAMATION.

Mr. Griner moved, second by Mr. Banks to approve the year 2007 Board of Health Contract between South Brunswick Twp. And Rocky Hill Borough. On a roll call vote all present voted aye.

Communications

They were discussed and ordered filed.

Unfinished Business

Discussion of the Borough Records Reproduction Fee Ordinance will be held at the March 5, 2007 Borough Council Meeting.

Mayor Zimmerman stated he attended a meeting of several towns concerning the Hillsborough By-Pass and truck traffic on Rt. 206 & Rt. 27. Everyone in attendance expressed opposition to allowing tandem trailer on Rt. 206 and Rt. 27. It was also pointed out that Rt. 206 is considered a Blue Route and tandem trailers would not be allowed. It was pointed out that only State Police could stop a tandem trailer on Rt. 518.

Mr. Griner asked about services provided by the Borough to the Washington Knoll Development. At the present time the Borough picks up trash, recycling, and leaves. After some discussion it was decided to ask the County to plow Knoll Way while Washington Knoll Assoc. determind's how their street lighting is paid for. Once services are determined between the Borough and Washington Knoll a formal agreement will be drawn up.

Mr. Banks Moved, second by Mr. Harrington to have the County plow Knoll Way. On a roll call vote Mr. Banks, Mr. Harrington, Ms. White, and Mr. Witt voted aye.

New Business

Nothing at this time

Public Comment

Ms Peggy Harris thanked Borough Council for the Proclamation.

Mr. Witt moved, second by Mr. Griner Resolution 2007-30 to retire into Executive Session. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. 9:05PM See Appendix # 9 for the Resolution

Mr. Witt moved, second by Mr. Griner to return to Public Session. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. 9:23PM

Adjournment

Mr. Witt moved, second by Mr. Harrington to adjourn the meeting at 9:23PM. On a voice vote all present voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond E. Whitlock Jr.
Deputy Borough Clerk